

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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# <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Rob Gagliano Site Director BASF Corporation 32 Lost Mound Drive Chattanooga, Tennessee 37406

> Re: BASF Corporation Expedited Settlement Agreement CAA-04-2017-8000(b)

Dear Mr. Gagliano:

Enclosed please find an executed copy of the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) that resolves the Clean Air Act (CAA) matter (Docket No. CAA-04-2017-8000(b)) involving BASF Corporation. The ESA was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, as required by 40 CFR Part 22 and became effective on the date of the filing.

If you need additional information in this matter, please call Om P. Devkota at (404) 562-8963.

Anthony G. Toney

Chief

Sincerely

Chemical Safety and Enforcement Branch

Enclosure

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 4

#### EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

**DOCKET NO:** <u>CAA-04-2018-8000(b)</u>

This ESA is issued to: <u>BASF Corporation</u>
32 Lost Mound Drive

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37406

for violating 40 CFR § 68.65, 40 CFR § 68.73, and Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act.

This Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) is being entered into by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4, the Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division (Complainant), and by the BASF Corporation (Respondent), pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act (the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), and pursuant to 40 CFR § 22.13(b).

## **ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

Based on a compliance monitoring inspection conducted at the Respondent's facility located at 32 Lost Mound Drive in Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 10, 2017, the EPA alleges that the Respondent violated the Act's Chemical Accident Prevention Program, when at the time of the inspection, Respondent did not provide evidence that:

It documented that equipment complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices as required by 40 CFR § 68.65(d)(2); and

Its frequency of inspections and tests of process equipment was consistent with applicable manufacturers' recommendations and good engineering practice, and more frequently if determined to be necessary by prior operating experience as required by 40 CFR § 68.73(d)(3).

#### SETTLEMENT

In consideration of Respondent's size, its full compliance history, its good faith efforts to comply, and other factors as justice may require, and upon consideration of the entire record the parties enter into the ESA in order to settle the violations cited above, for the total penalty amount of \$1,440.

This settlement is subject to the following terms and conditions: the Respondent by signing below admits the jurisdictional allegations contained herein, neither admits nor denies the specific factual allegations contained herein, and consents to the assessment of the penalty as stated above; Respondent waives its rights to a hearing afforded by Section 113(d)(2)(A) of the

Act, 42 U.S.C § 7413(d)(2)(A), and to appeal this ESA or otherwise contest the allegations contained in this ESA; and each party to this action shall bear its own costs and fees, if any.

Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that the Respondent has corrected the alleged violations listed in this ESA.

Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a copy of the fully executed ESA, Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,440. Respondent's payment shall be made by sending a cashier's check or certified check (payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America") in the amount of \$1,440, in payment of the full penalty amount to one of the following addresses or via wire transfer:

## For payment sent via electronic transfer

For payment by wire transfer, in lieu of a cashier's check or certified check, if desired, should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York using the following information:

ABA: 021030004 Account: 68010727

SWIFT address: FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Beneficiary: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency";

The wire transfer instructions shall reference the Respondent's name and Docket Number of this ESA.

### For payment sent via Standard Delivery

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000; or

For payment sent for Signed Receipt Confirmation (FedEx, DHL, UPS, USPS Certified, Registered, etc.)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Cincinnati Finance Center Box 979077 1005 Convention Plaza SL-MO-C2-GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101 Delivery Location Phone Number: 314-425-1819

The Respondent's Name and the Docket Number of this ESA must be included on the check. The Docket Number is located at the top left corner of the first page of this ESA.

At the time of payment, Respondent shall send a separate copy of the check, and a written statement that payment has been made in accordance with this ESA to:

Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA Region 4 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and

Om Devkota
U.S. EPA Region 4
Chemical Management and Emergency
Planning Section
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

The penalty specified in this ESA shall represent civil penalties assessed by the EPA and shall not be deductible for purposes of State or Federal taxes.

Respondent's full compliance with this ESA shall only resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for the violations alleged in this ESA. The EPA does not waive any other enforcement action for any other violations of the Act or any other statute.

This ESA is binding on the parties signing below. This ESA is effective upon filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk.

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# FOR RESPONDENT:

Name (print): ROBERT GAGUAGO	Date: 2 - 7-2018
Title (print): Site Director  BASF Corporation	
FOR COMPLAINANT:	
Carol S. Romber for	Date: 1 10 8

Director

Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division

I hereby ratify the ESA and incorporate it herein by reference. It is so ORDERED.

Date: 1000 22, 2016

Tanya Floyd

Regional Judicial Officer

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the matter of BASF Corporation, CAA-04-2017-8000(b), on the parties listed below in the manner indicated:

Robert W. Bookman U. S. EPA, Región 4 Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, GA 30303

Lucia Mendez U. S. EPA, Region 4 Office of Regional Counsel 61 Forsyth Street

Atlanta, GA 30303

(Via EPA's internal mail)

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Date: 5-dd fc

Patricia A. Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-9511